

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-32. (Cancelled)

33. (New) A corkscrew comprising:

a handgrip;

a screw associated with said handgrip via a first connection, said first connection being a pivoting connection;

an arm having first abutting members and being associated with said handgrip via a second connection which enables said arm to pivotally rotate relative to said handgrip in a first movement, said arm being further capable of performing a second movement relative to said handgrip;

an elastic member adapted to affect at least said second movement of said arm, wherein said elastic member is configured to exert a force adapted to move said arm away from said screw so as to assist an angular displacement of said handgrip in a direction in which a cork is to be extracted.

34. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 33, in which said elastic member supports a movement of said arm in a first direction of displacement, while opposing a movement of said arm in a second direction of displacement opposite to the first direction of displacement.

35. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 34, in which the first direction of displacement is a direction in which said arm moves away from said first connection of said screw.

36. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 33, in which a displacement of said arm in a direction in which said arm moves closer to said first connection causes a potential energy of said elastic member to increase.

37. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 33, in which said elastic member is arranged between said handgrip and said arm.

38. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 33, in which said elastic member is constituted by either a coil spring or a flat spring.

39. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 38, in which said elastic member is constituted by said flat spring, wherein said flat spring comprises at least a first surface portion in a cusp-like conformation so as to generate a variation in a speed of said second movement of said arm.

40. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 33, in which said second connection is constituted by a stud-and-slot coupling.

41. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 40, in which said stud is firmly joined to said arm and said slot is provided in said handgrip.

42. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 40, in which said stud is firmly joined to said handgrip and said slot is provided in said arm.

43. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 33, in which said arm further comprises second abutting members arranged between said second connection and said first abutting members.

44. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 33, in which said handgrip comprises a cutting arrangement for cutting off a film used to seal off a neck of a bottle.

45. (New) A corkscrew according to claim 44, in which said cutting arrangement

comprises a stationary portion and a support, said support being displaceable relative to said stationary portion between a resting position and an operating position thereof.

46. **(New)** A corkscrew according to claim 45, in which said stationary portion and said support comprise cavities arranged so as to face each other such that, when said support is in said operating position, said cavities form a recess adapted to accommodate an end portion of the neck of the bottle.

47. **(New)** A corkscrew according to claim 46, in which said cutting arrangement comprises at least a cutting member in a form of a wheel.

48. **(New)** A corkscrew according to claim 45, in which said cutting arrangement comprises at least a cutting member in a form of a wheel.

49. **(New)** A corkscrew according to claim 44, in which said cutting arrangement comprises at least a cutting member in a form of a wheel.